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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/14/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chou (US Patent Number 6229773).

In regards to claim 1 Chou discloses a method of controlling a disc drive apparatus of a type comprising: a sledge (Fig. 6, element 680 is the controller for the sledge, therefore the part connected to it is the sledge) radially displaceable with respect to an apparatus frame (Fig. 6); and a platform (Fig. 6 element PUH) radially displaceable with respect to said sledge (Fig. 6); the method of controlling comprising

the acts of detecting at least one of a substantial deceleration or acceleration and stop of the sledge when moving radially (Fig. 7A-B); by detecting a radial displacement of said platform with respect to said sledge (Fig. 9, Coil = platform and sledge = sled), and controlling the sledge based upon the detecting acts (Column 7, lines 55-67).

In regards to claim 2, Chou discloses a method according to claim 1, wherein the method of detecting comprises step act of detecting a back-EMF in an electromagnetic device in an actuator for displacing said platform with respect to said sledge (Fig. 9), the method comprising the step of detecting a back-EMF in said electromagnetic device (Fig. 10-11).

In regards to claim 3, Chou discloses a method according to claim 1, comprising an act of detecting an optical read signal and deriving from the optical read signal an X-displacement signal (Column 10, lines 27-35).

In regards to claims 4 and 6, Chou discloses a method according to claims 1 and 5, wherein detecting at least one of a substantial deceleration or acceleration or stop of the sledge (Fig. 7A-B) occurs when a detected radial displacement of said platform with respect to said sledge exceeds a predetermined decision threshold (Fig. 7C and Column 7, lines 63-67).

In regards to claim 5, Chou discloses a method according to claim 2, comprising

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an act of detecting an actuator control signal activated to counteract the radial displacement of said platform with respect to said sledge (Column 6, lines 54-58).

In regards to claim 7, Chou discloses method for initializing a radial position of an optical lens in a start-up phase of a disc drive apparatus, the method comprising of comprising acts of: exerting a force on said sledge; detecting at least one of a substantial deceleration or stop of the sledge using a method according to claim 1 (Fig. 7A-B); and stopping said force (Fig. 7B, deceleration does not exert a force) as soon as a substantial radial displacement of said platform with respect to said sledge is detected (Fig. 7A-C as sledge is detected by position A-C it accelerate and C-B decelerate).

In regards to claim 8, Chou discloses a disc drive apparatus, comprising: radially displaceable scan means, comprising: a sledge radially displaceable with respect to an apparatus frame (Fig. 6B); a platform (the lens connected to the tracking coil) radially displaceable with respect to said sledge (Fig. 7A); said apparatus further comprising: sledge stop detection means (Fig. 7B as the force is zero) for detecting that the moving sledge coming to a stop (Fig. 7A-B); said sledge stop detection means comprising radial displacement detection means for detecting a radial displacement of said platform with respect to said sledge (Column 7, lines 55-63).

In regards to claim 9, rejected for the same reasons as claim 2 above.

In regards to claim 10, rejected for the same reasons as claim 3 above.

In regards to claim 11, rejected for the same reasons as claim 4 above.

In regards to claim 12, rejected for the same reasons as claim 5 above.

In regards to claim 13, rejected for the same reasons as claim 6 above.

In regards to claim 14, Chou discloses an apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising: a controllable sledge actuator (Fig. 6A, element 640) configured to move said sledge radially with respect to said apparatus frame (Fig. 6B); a control unit configured to control said sledge actuator (Fig. 6A, element 640); said control unit configured to respond to said radial displacement detection means to switch off (Fig. 7B) said sledge actuator when said radial displacement detection means indicated that said sledge has come to a stop (Fig. 7B and column 7, lines 61-63).

In regards to claim 15, Chou discloses an apparatus, wherein a displacement range (Fig. 6B) of said sledge with respect to said apparatus frame is restricted by at least one end stop (Fig. 6B end of the sledge); wherein said control unit is designed, in an initializing phase, to energize (exerting force) said sledge actuator such as to move said sledge towards said end stop (Fig. 7B); and wherein said control unit is configured to switch off (Fig. 7B, force is zero at position B) said actuator as soon as said sledge has reached said end stop (Fig. 7A-B).

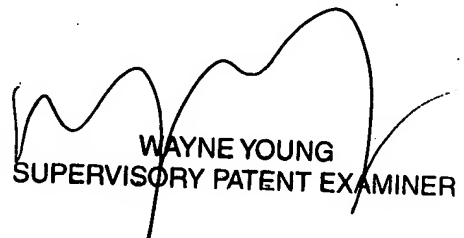
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-5513. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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